

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 BELFAS 00182 121741Z

11

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-15

SCCT-01 SAJ-01 SAM-01 IO-13 DHA-02 /087 W

----- 085228

R 121651Z MAY 76

FM AMCONSUL BELFAST

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1297

INFO AMEMBASSY DUBLIN

AMEMBASSY LONDON

USNAVCOMMSTA LONDONDERRY

UNCLAS BELFAST 182

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, UK, EI

SUBJECT: LOYALIST PARAMILITARIES CALL CONFERENCE ON INDEPENDENCE

1. CONGEN HAS CONFIRMED LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT PROTESTANT PARAMILITARIES MEETING MAY 20-22 TO INITIATE DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATED INDEPENDENCE. UNITED LOYALIST CENTRAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (ULCC) ORGANIZING CONFERENCE AND IT WILL BE ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM ULSTER DEFENCE ASSOCIATION (UDA), ULSTER VOLUNTEER FORCE (UVF), ULSTER SPECIAL CONSTABULARY ASSOCIATION (USCA), RED HAND, ORANGE VOLUNTEERS, AND LOYALIST ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS (LAW). ULSTER WORKERS COUNCIL WILL NOT BE REPRESENTED AS SUCH BUT MANY MEMBERS HAVE DRIFTED BACK TO LAW. PROCEEDINGS WILL BE CLOSED TO PUBLIC AND POLITICIANS AND WILL INCLUDE TALKS AND PAPERS BY LOCAL AND FOREIGN ECONOMISTS, POLITICAL SCIENTISTS AND CONSTITUTIONAL EXPERTS. FOLLOWING DEBATE ON FINAL DAY DELEGATES WILL DRAW UP POLICY DOCUMENT AND CIRCULATE IT THROUGH PROVINCE. SEPARATE UDA STUDY OF NEGOTIATED INDEPENDENCE EXPECTED TO BE INCORPORATED. IF THERE FAVORABLE REACTION FROM PUBLIC, SECRETARY OF STATE WILL BE ASKED HOLD REFERENDUM ON SUBJECT. GLENN BARR, ULCCC CHAIRMAN NOT RPT NOT PLAYING ACTIVE PART IN ORGANIZING CONFERENCE. THIS ACTIVITY UNDERTAKEN BY DEPUTY CHAIRMAN JOHN MCKEAGUE.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 BELFAS 00182 121741Z

2. MANY PROTESTANT PARAMILITARIES SEE NO ALTERNATIVE TO NEGOTIATED INDEPENDENCE GIVEN FAILURE OF LOCAL POLITICIANS TO REACH ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT ON DEVOLVED GOVERNMENT AND INABILITY GOVERNMENT END PROVISIONAL IRA TERRORISM. EVEN IF ALL PARAMILITARIES AGREED, THEY HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE MASS OF ULSTER PROTESTANTS WOULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER BREAKING LINK. REPORTING OFFICER HAS CONCENTRATED ON EXAMINING ATTITUDES TOWARD INDEPENDENCE SINCE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION CLOSED AND HAS NOT RPT NOT FOUND SINGLE ULSTER PROTESTANT WHO WILLING TO ADMIT TO CONTEMPLATION INDEPENDENCE AS ACCEPTABLE OPTION.
SPICER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PARAMILITARY FORCES, INDEPENDENCE, PROTESTANTS, MEETINGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 12 MAY 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976BELFAS00182
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760184-0418
From: BELFAST
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760564/aaaacdci.tel
Line Count: 72
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CollinP0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 01 JUL 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <01 JUL 2004 by wolfsd>; APPROVED <19 JAN 2005 by CollinP0>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: LOYALIST PARAMILITARIES CALL CONFERENCE ON INDEPENDENCE
TAGS: PINT, PDEV, SCUL, UK, EI
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006